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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

PATRICK	LELIENDAL,)				
	Plaintiff,)				
v.)	No.	00 (7	6989
CHICAGO	POLICE DEPARTMENT, et al.,)				
	Defendants.)				

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

Patrick Leliendal ("Leliendal") has submitted several selfprepared documents in connection with an attempted claim against the Chicago, Illinois and Lansing, Michigan police departments and Chicago International Hostel:

- an Application To Proceed Without Prepayment of
 Fees ("Application"), using the AO 240 form provided by this
 District Court's Clerk's Office;
- 2. an appearance form, again using a Clerk-provided form; and
 - 3. a JS-44 Civil Cover Sheet.

What is conspicuously absent from the tendered papers, however, is any complaint by Leliendal against any of those putative defendants.¹ And of course Fed. R. Civ. P. 3 requires such a complaint setting out the claim or claims to be filed by a plaintiff as the express precondition for the commencement of a

¹ This is apart from the fact that a police department is not a legal entity capable of being sued.

civil action. Accordingly this Court sua sponte denies
Leliendal's Application seeking in forma pauperis treatment, and
it dismisses this action without prejudice.

Milton I. Shadur

Senior United States District Judge

Date: November 14, 2000